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SUBJ: JUNTA TIGHTENS SCREWS ON POLITICAL PARTIES

REF: SANTIAGO 5111 (1973) (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. GOC HAS ISSUED REGULATIONS GOVERNING FUNCTIONING OF POLITICAL PARTIES "IN RECESS." DECREE PROHIBITS ALL ACTIVITIES EXCEPT SIMPLE HOUSEKEEPING CHORES AND IS CLEAR EXPRESSION OF JUNTA'S ANTI-POLITICAL BIAS. END SUMMARY.

2. JAN 21 DIARIO OFICIAL CARRIES TEXT OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DECREE 1,899 (1973) OUTLINING PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES OF NON-UP POLITICAL PARTIES. REGULATION HAS BEEN AWAITED SINCE OCT 11 WHEN JUNTA DECREE-LAW 78 PLACED ALL NON-UP PARTIES "IN RECESS." PARTIES WHICH FORMED ALLENDE'S
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UNIDAD POPULAR COALITION HAVE ALREADY BEEN OUTLAWED AND ARE

THUS NOT AFFECTED BY NEW RULES. IN SUM DECREE CLAMPS DOWN ON ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITIY LEAVING PARTIES WITH NO REAL FUNCTION OTHER THAN KEEPING EMPTY CLUBHOUSES IN ORDER.

3. DECREE DEFINES RECESS "AS SITUATION OF INACTIVITY WHICH AFFECTS ALL ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PARTY, WITHOUT ACTUALLY ENDING THE PARTY'S EXISTENCE." AMONG PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES ARE FOLLOWING:

A. TO MAKE STATEMENTS CONCERNING POLITICAL PRINCIPLES OR EVENTS.

B. TO CONDUCT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEETINGS AT ANY LEVEL OF PARTY ORGANIZATION.

C. TO ENGAGE IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES.

D. TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES OF UNIONS, STUDENT GROUPS, NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS OR "IN GENERAL, ANY ORGANIZATION WHATEVER ITS GOALS."

E. TO CREATE, ORGANIZE OR FINANCE GROUPS OR INSTITUTIONS WHICH, UNDER PRETEXT OF SOCIAL, ATHLETIC, CULTURAL OR OTHER GOALS GIVE SHELTER TO POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

F. TO INTERFERE IN THE WORKINGS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

G. TO INTERVENE IN WHATEVER FORM IN CIVIC ACTIVITIES.

H. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS.

4. OTHER PROVISIONS OF DECREE ALLOW NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PARTY AUTHORITIES TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER PARTY PROPERTIES AND RECORDS, BUT PROVIDE THAT WITHIN 30 DAYS EACH ENTITY MUST SEND TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR NUMBER OF PARTY MEMBERS FORMALLY INSCRIBED AS OF OCTOBER 11 AND NAME OF LAST INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED. MEETING OF NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL BOARDS OF PARTIES MAY BE HELD ONLY WITH PERMISSION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OR PROVINCE GOVERNORS (INTENDENTES). SUCH MEETINGS MAY ONLY CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. IN ADDITION, PARTIES MUST SUBMIT TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITHIN CONFIDENTIAL

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30 DAYS NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBERS. IF NECESSARY TO REPLACE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE BOARDS THE PARTY IN QUESTION SHALL PROPOSE A CANDIDATE TO THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR WHO MAY ACCEPT OR REJECT IT.

5. COMMENT. DECREE BARELY LEAVES PARTIES WITH FIGLEAF OF AUTHORITY AND AS SUCH IT IS THE CLEAREST EXPRESSION YET OF JUNTA'S ANTI-POLITICAL PARTISAN (AS OPPOSED TO SIMPLE ANTI-

MARXIST) BIAS. DECREE SEEMS PARTICULARLY AIMED AT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY THOUGH THAT PORTION OF THE NATIONAL PARTY WHICH IS STILL ACTIVE IN THE POLITICAL GAME WILL BEAR THE BRUNT AS WELL. MUCH, OF COURSE, DEPENDS ON HOW RIGIDLY THE JUNTA INTENDS TO ENFORCE THE DECREE AND HOW BLATANTLY THE PARTIES (ESPECIALLY THE PDC) ATTEMPT TO FLAUNT IT.

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